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MAIL STOP PATENT APPLICATION

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Re:

Application of Martin GIJS

A METHOD OF MANUFACTURING DISCRETE ELECTRONIC

COMPONENTS

Assignee: ECOLE POLYTECHNIQUE FEDERALE DE LAUSANNE

Our Ref: Q77997

Dear Sir:

This is a request for a Divisional Application of pending prior Application No. 09/889,739 (Confirmation No. 9070) filed July 20, 2001 of Martin GIJS entitled A METHOD OF MANUFACTURING DISCRETE ELECTRONIC COMPONENTS.

This application is being filed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b). Enclosed is a specification, including the claims and abstract, 6 sheets of drawings (Figs. 1-8), and a copy of the Declaration as filed in the prior application. Also enclosed is Preliminary Amendment and a Submission of Corrected Replacement Drawing.

The prior application is assigned to Group Art Unit 3729.

Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:

This is a divisional of Application No. 09/889,739 filed July 20, 2001, the disclosure of which is incorporated herein by reference.

Priority is claimed from:

Country

Application No

Filing Date

European

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January 22, 1999

The priority document was filed in parent Application No. 09/889,739.



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Please see the attached PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT before calculating the filing fee.

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A check for the statutory fee of \$770.00 is attached. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.

The application is timely filed.

Respectfully submitted,

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Martin GUS

Appln. No.: Div. of 09/889,739, filed July 20, 2001

Confirmation No.: NOT YET KNOWN

Group Art Unit: NOT YET KNOWN

Filed: October 30, 2003

Examiner: NOT YET KNOWN

For:

A METHOD OF MANUFACTURING DISCRETE ELECTRONIC COMPONENTS

SUBMISSION OF REPLACEMENT DRAWING SHEETS

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Sir:

Applicant submits herewith three (3) sheets of replacement drawing containing Figs. 3, 4 and 5 whereby the drawing corrections conform to those filed in the parent application.

Respectfully submitted,

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